



Meeting Note

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Meeting with	Willington C project team
Meeting date	Thursday 6th September 2012
Attendees (Planning Inspectorate)	Simone Wilding – Case Leader Stella Perrett – Assistant case officer
Attendees (non Planning Inspectorate)	Hugh Morris – RWE npower (WCGP Environmental Manager) David Tate – RWE npower (WCGP Project Manager) Helen Burley – RWE npower (WCGP Consents Specialist)
Location	Temple Quay House, Bristol

Meeting purpose	Tele-conference to update the Planning Inspectorate on the Willington C team's progress and discuss technical queries in relation to application documents.
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Summary of key points discussed and advice given	<p><i>Programme Update</i></p> <p>RWE npower (RWE) informed the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) that their stage 2 consultation was carried out between mid July and mid August. In RWE's view the responses did not raise anything requiring any change to the draft DCO or other major change. Some local authorities had requested an extension of time up to the end of August which RWE had granted. RWE have now received all responses and are preparing their consultation report.</p> <p>PINS encouraged RWE to follow Advice note 14 'Compiling the Consultation Report'. PINS advised that if and when the application is accepted all application documents will be published on the planning portal's national infrastructure website.</p> <p>RWE explained that a lot of consultation was undertaken in addition to the formal consultation stages. They intend also to include the details on this in the consultation report, separating it clearly from consultation undertaken formally. PINS offered to provide high level comments on RWE's draft consultation report at the next meeting, if RWE sends this to PINS several days before the meeting.</p> <p>RWE reported that the consultation also generated a few</p>
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responses from people with land interests that they hadn't been previously aware of (eg water pipes/septic tank drain over land within the DCO boundary). RWE explained that they then additionally consulted each of these under s42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008, giving them 28 days to respond. RWE indicated that there may, however, be other as yet unidentified persons with an interest in the land which they have not been able to identify.

PINS advised that RWE needs to satisfy themselves that they have undertaken due diligence in identifying those with an interest in the land.

RWE reported about one week ago that Network Rail (NR) had requested a new crossing location for the pipeline about one week due to an NR policy change. RWE informed that negotiations with NR about the new location are still on going and it is not possible yet to foresee the full impact this will have on the scheme. One of RWE's considerations is whether this will mean that additional individuals will have an interest in the land under s42(1)(d) who would then need to be consulted for 28 days. RWE consider that the change is also likely to require some minor updating of the Environmental Statement (ES) although it is unlikely to alter any of the assessments or conclusions.

PINS advised that the Planning Act does allow changes after consultation and re-consultation would only be necessary on major, substantive changes.

RWE hope to submit the application by the end of October 2012 but will need to review this following further discussion with NR.

Application Documents

RWE asked whether dates for documents are needed or if they can use version numbers. PINS advised that version numbers would be sufficient, provided this enabled to clearly distinguish documents from earlier ones. PINS also clarified that duplication of documents is unnecessary and cross-referencing would be preferable.

RWE asked some technical questions about converting documents to PDF, the size of files, and document type (.doc etc). PINS encouraged RWE to follow the annex to advice note 6 'Preparing the Technical Index to Accompany an NSIP Application'. PINS explained that the suggested 50MB size limit is due to larger files taking longer to download.

PINS advised that payment must be received at the same time or before an application is submitted. The inspectorate can only accept and start processing an application for which it has received the application fee.

	<p><i>Application Issues</i></p> <p>RWE advised that they have issued a draft unilateral undertaking to the relevant local authorities. PINS advised that in order for the Examining Authority to be able to take this into account, this will need to be submitted signed and sealed prior to the close of the examination. RWE should also be aware that the Examining Authority can close an examination earlier than the maximum six months if he/she considers that there are no outstanding issues. PINS therefore encourage all applicants to finalise any s106 agreement/unilateral undertaking as far as possible at pre-application stage in order not to get caught out by time pressures during examination.</p> <p>RWE advised that whether or not an application under s127 would need to be made depended on the on-going discussions with NR. PINS indicated that the Galloper application included an application under s127 and may therefore be of interest. This can be viewed on the planning portal's national infrastructure website by clicking on the project documents tab under which there is a filter button 'section 127 application'. The s127 application itself can be found by searching the application documents tab for '127'.</p>
<p>Specific decisions/ follow up required?</p>	<p>The date & time for next meeting to be re-arranged.</p> <p>PINS to send payment instruction document to RWE. PINS to confirm answer to technical issue raised re the electronic document list.</p> <p>RWE to supply contact details of the case officers in the local authorities affected.</p>
<p>Circulation List</p>	<p>All attendees</p>